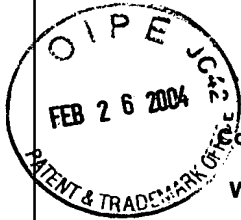


**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION
(RCE)
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| Application Number | 09/680,721 |
| Filing Date | October 6, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Frederick Browne GREGG |
| Group Art Unit | 1771 |
| Examiner Name | Ula Corinna RUDDOCK |
| Attorney Docket Number | 64908 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on December 23, 2003
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. ☐ Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.14) when the RCE is filed; Fee calculated as shown below.)

- a. ☐ Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed to cover the following fees.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.137 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge or credit any discrepancies in fee amounts to Deposit Acct. No. 01-0484.
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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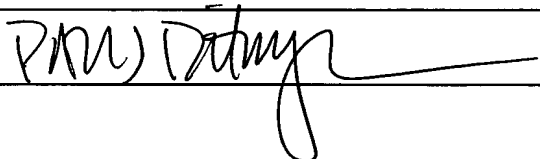
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| | INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | <u>2</u> - 3 = | <u>0</u> | x \$86.00 = | \$ |
| | MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) | | | + \$_____ = | |
| | | | | BASIC FEE | \$770.00 |
| | Total of above calculations = | | | | |
| | Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity | | | | \$385.00 |
| | TOTAL = | | | | \$385.00 |

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| NAME | PAUL J. DITMYER, Reg. No. 40,455 | | |
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